

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (Kunnamkulam): I think the Panchayat and Public Health Department can save a lot of amount by allowing private parties to remove the silt. In the case of water-channels this has been brought to the notice of the Irrigation Board for the Trichur Taluk. At least this may be tried as an experiment for one year and let us see how it works.

Mr. President: We have got even in the eastern parts a practice called *Kudimaramathu* (കുടിമാരമത്തു) whereby the repairs are done by the ryots themselves. They take special permission and the work is done under the supervision of the P. W. D.

Dr. A. R. Menon (Minister for Rural Development): These people will never join together.

Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon (Narakkal): If anybody puts in a petition, the rain sets in by that time and permission will not be granted.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu (Diwan Peishkar): That is not correct.

FISHERY RESEARCH STAFF—APPOINTMENT OF

14. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (Ezhuvas-Talappalli): Will the Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) whether the Government have appointed any person to conduct research in Fisheries in the State;
- (b) if so, the name and qualification of that person;
- (c) when was he appointed, and on what pay;
- (d) whether a new post of a clerk to help this research-man is created;
 - (i) if so the pay of that appointment;
 - (ii) who is the clerk;
 - (iii) was he appointed by the Staff Selection Board?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu (Diwan Peishkar):

- (a) Yes.
- (b) Mr. E. Sankara Menon, M. Sc.
- (c) 15th April 1940, at an honorarium of Rs. 50 a month.
- (d) & (i) No. The post of an attender was created on a pay of Rs. 20 a month.
- (ii) This attender is P. A. Kurian, Trichur.
- (iii) No.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May I know sir, whether it was on the recommendation of any committee or any officer that this new post was created?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu (*Diwan Peishkar*): It is not a post being created. A research scheme was accepted by the Government. Of course for the working of the scheme a post had to be created. A scheme for trying to find out what we can do to improve fisheries in the State was undertaken.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May I know whether the whole scheme has been accepted or only this appointment has been made?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*): The point is this.. This gentleman is a Zoology Science Graduate. He sent up a scheme and he said that there are vast potentialities for expanding the activities of the Fishery Department in the State. The scheme was considered by the Minister and it was also sent to the Diwan Peishkar, who is the head of the department. The Diwan Peishkar forwarded the scheme with his remarks, and in the Proceedings which the hon'ble members will find in the Gazette, it was decided to have a preliminary survey. He was not a full-time government servant. He was given only a grant and facilities for conducting the investigation. An honorarium of Rs. 50 has been granted.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Is there any facility in Cochin State for conducting this research?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*): Plenty.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): One cannot sit in his office room and conduct the research.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*): But there are plenty of opportunities here for enquiry into fisheries.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Was this report submitted of his own accord?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*): I think it was sent on his own accord.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Let me make the position clear. There was a resolution in this Council calling upon the Government to constitute a committee to enquire into and report upon the possibility of fishing in Cochin. It is based upon that resolution that the whole question was taken up.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): Does it mean that the Government requested anybody to send up a scheme?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): When this resolution was tabled in this Council some time ago, this gentleman forwarded a scheme. That scheme was forwarded to the Diwan Peishkar. He submitted his remarks and orders were passed.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): For how many years is he going to be retained as a research student?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Six months.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): From which budget head is this amount paid?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): From the lump provision of Rs. 1,000 allotted to fisheries.

Mr. K. Ayyappan (*Ezhuvas-Kanayannur*): May I know whether he has any experience in research?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): He was highly recommended by the highest authority on the subject, Mr. K. Karunakaran Nayar, and his work was also found to be very satisfactory by the present Diwan Peishkar.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): The scheme recommended by the resolution is not the one submitted by this gentleman.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): The object of the resolution was to request the Government to encourage pisciculture and for that purpose they recommended that a Committee may be appointed. But the Government thought that a Committee, which does not know much about these things, will not be of much use than a person who understands this subject. That was the only reason.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ. ഈ ആരക്ക, റിസർച്ചിൽ എത്രകൊല്ലത്തെ എക്സ്പീരിയൻസ് ഉണ്ട്; ഇദ്ദേഹത്തെ റിസർച്ച് പഠിപ്പിക്കുവാനോ റിസർച്ചുകൊണ്ട് എന്തെങ്കിലും കണ്ടുപിടിക്കുവാനോ നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളത്; കോളജിൽനിന്നും പുറത്തുവരുന്ന പുതിയ ആളുകൾക്ക് റിസർച്ച് നടത്തി എന്തെങ്കിലും കണ്ടുപിടിക്കുവാൻ സാധിക്കുമോ എന്ന് ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മിനിസ്റ്റർ അറിയാമോ?

ഡോക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ. കോളേജിൽനിന്നും പുതുതായിപുറത്തുവന്ന ആളല്ല ഇദ്ദേഹം.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ. അതാത് ഞാൻ ചോദിച്ചത് ഇദ്ദേഹത്തിന് എത്രകൊല്ലത്തെ എക്സ്പീരിയൻസുണ്ടെന്ന്.

ഡോക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ. നാലഞ്ചു കൊല്ലത്തെ എക്സ്പീരിയൻസുണ്ട്.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (Trichur-South): May I know under whom he was conducting research?

Dr. A. R. Menon (Minister for Rural Development): He was working in U. P. or in Bombay.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (Kunnamkulam): May I know whether the Government tried to get schemes from other candidates by advertisement, in the newspapers, gazettes, etc.?

Dr. A. R. Menon (Minister for Rural Development): We did not do it, and we don't propose to do it either.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (Ezhuvas-Talappalli): In the budget it is seen that the amount allotted is a grant for fishing industries. How can this honorarium be paid from this allotment?

Dr. A. R. Menon (Minister for Rural Development): It is a grant to the department.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (Ezhuvas-Talappalli): It is not for those persons who are already in the industry?

Mr. President: Industrial research is also included.

മിസ്റ്റർ ഇസ്മാൽഹാജി ഇസ്മാസെട്ട്. ഈ പോസ്റ്റ് റെലിയം നിഖനിറത്തിക്കൊണ്ടുപോകണമെന്ന് തവയെൻ്റ് വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

ഡോക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ. ഇല്ല. കൂടിയാൽ ആറു മാസത്തിനുളിൽ റിസർച്ച് കഴിക്കണമെന്നാണ്.

Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri): Is it not beneficial to have research done in this line?

Dr. A. R. Menon (Minister for Rural Development): Once before Mr. Salem has submitted an elaborate report and much money has been spent for researches. It was in consultation with the Diwan Peishkar who is the Head of the Department that the present scheme was accepted.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (Trichur-South): May I know what are the possibilities?

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Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): It is a difficult question. I do not myself know much about this subject.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ. ഈ ആരംഗിസ്മന്റ് നടത്തി വല്ലതും കണ്ടുപിടിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

ഡോക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ. കണ്ടുപിടിച്ചിട്ടില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ. ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മിനിസ്റ്റർതന്നെ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളതായി ഞാൻ ഓർക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. അതിവിദഗ്ദ്ധനായ ആളുകളെക്കൊണ്ടു മാത്രമേ റിസ്മന്റ് നടത്തിക്കുവാൻ പാടുള്ളുവെന്നും. അതുവെച്ചുകൊണ്ടാണ് ഞാൻ ചോദിച്ചത്.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Has he, after conducting such researches, submitted any tangible scheme to the Government?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): The Diwan Peishkar has reported very satisfactorily about the work he has so far done.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May I know the nature of the work he has done?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Investigation of the several kinds of fishes. He has time for three months and within that time he will not be able to see all sorts of fishes. All sorts of fishes are not available at all times of the year.

Mr. President: I would advise the House that now you have collected sufficient information on this question, you can discuss this when the appropriate demand is taken up for discussion.

INSPECTION—OFFICE OF THE MALAYALAM IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE—DELAY BY CLERK

15. **Mr. C. V. Iyyu** (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) referring to the reply to the last supplementary question of question No. 487 (c) answered on 5th April 1940, whether the Government be pleased to inform the House the result of their enquiry as to the number of hours or days that elapsed between the time the clerk deputed by the Director of Public Instruction to reach the Office of the Malayalam